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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P038260WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, Item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB2004/002981	International filing date (day/month/year) 09/07/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 09/07/2003
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 9 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☒ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☒ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regards to the **drawings**,

a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b. ☒ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C12N5/06 A61K48/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C12N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	NIU M. C. ET AL.: "Ribonucleic acid-induced changes in mammalian cells" PNAS, vol. 47, 1961, pages 1689-1700, XP002296833 the whole document	1,3,4,12
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
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X document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

Y document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>DECARVALHO S: "In vitro angiogenic activity of RNA from leukemic lymphocytes." ANGIOLOGY. JUL 1978, vol. 29, no. 7, July 1978 (1978-07), pages 497-505, XP009036537 ISSN: 0003-3197 the whole document</p>	1,3,4,12
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✓ X	<p>DECARVALHO S. AND RAND H. J.: "Comparative effects of liver and tumour ribonucleic acids on the normal liver and the Novikoff hepatoma cells of the rat" NATURE, no. 4767, 11 March 1961 (1961-03-11), pages 815-817, XP009036535 the whole document</p>	1-4
✓ X	<p>YANG S F ET AL: "Albumin synthesis in mouse uterus in response to liver mRNA." PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. MAY 1977, vol. 74, no. 5, May 1977 (1977-05), pages 1894-1898, XP002296835 ISSN: 0027-8424 the whole document</p>	1,3,4,12
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✓ X	SANYAL S ET AL: "Effects of RNA on the developmental potentiality of the posterior primitive streak of the chick blastoderm." PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. APR 1966, vol. 55, no. 4, April 1966 (1966-04), pages 743-750, XP002296834 ISSN: 0027-8424 the whole document	1,3,4,6, 12
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✓ A	----- WO 01/00650 A (CHAPMAN KAREN B ; ADVANCED CELL TECHNOLOGY INC (US)) 4 January 2001 (2001-01-04) cited in the application the whole document	1-46
✓ A	----- US 2001/001066 A1 (CEZAYIRLI CEM ET AL) 10 May 2001 (2001-05-10)	1-46
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✓ A	----- HAKELIEN A M ET AL: "Novel approaches to transdifferentiation" CLONING AND STEM CELLS, MARY ANN LIEBERT, LARCHMONT, US, vol. 4, no. 4, 2002, pages 379-387, XP002965413 ISSN: 1536-2302 ----- -/--	

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✓ A	BABICH F. R. ET AL.: "Cross-species transfer of learning: effect of ribonucleic acid from hamsters on rat behavior" PNAS, vol. 54, 1965, pages 1299-1302, XP002296837 -----	
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Continuation of Box II.1

Although claims 1-32 are (at least partially) directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 1-32 are (at least partially) directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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